

You Can Win the War Against Waste

DO YOU KNOW WHAT'S AT STAKE when you choose to either toss a glass bottle in the trash, or recycle it? Trash it and it will take 4,000 years to decompose! You may not realize the power you hold when you mindlessly throw away that bottle.

TWO BRAND NEW BOTTLES filled with soda begin life sitting on the same shelf in the same store. Each is purchased and consumed. However, from here on nothing is the same. One bottle is dumped in the trashcan, and **WASTED**. The other bottle is **RECYCLED** and given the opportunity for renewed life. Follow the journey of each bottle and you can see the impact you have by reaching for the recycling bin instead of the trashcan.

The **RECYCLED** Bottle is tossed in the recycled bin. It is picked up and delivered to the recycling center for sorting and crushing.

The **WASTED** Bottle is tossed in the trashcan. It is now sitting in a landfill.

The **RECYCLED** Bottle reenters the world to attend a celebration. It has been recycled into a wine bottle and is taken to a party. After an evening of dinner and dancing, the now empty bottle is returned to a recycle bin.

The **WASTED** Bottle is still sitting in the landfill.

The **RECYCLED** Bottle reappears to help a new baby. The glass from the wine bottle has been recycled into jars of baby food. Once again, the jars are emptied and placed in the recycling bin.

The **WASTED** Bottle is sitting in the landfill. Surrounded by tons of other trash.

The **RECYCLED** Bottle is renewed again. It has been transformed into fiberglass for insulation of a new house. The Recycled bottle continues to have renewed life, by transforming into products such as glasphalt for a new highway, beads for a beautiful necklace, and tiles in a re-designed bathroom.

WASTED is still sitting in the landfill, taking up space, and waiting for 4,000 years to pass to fully decompose.

Check with your base for details about what you can do to help Win the War Against Waste.

